

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

This certification is required by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code, entitled, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions."

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS)

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature _____

Date _____

Instructions for Certification

1. This certification and a disclosure form should be filed by each person as required, with each submission that initiates agency consideration of such person for: (1) award of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000; or (2) an award of a Federal loan or a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan exceeding \$150,000.
2. This certification and a disclosure form should be filed by each person as required, upon receipt by such person of (1) a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000; or (2) a Federal loan or a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan exceeding \$150,000, unless such person previously filed a certification, and a disclosure form, if required, at the time agency consideration was initiated.
3. Any person who requests or receives from a person referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) above: (1) a subcontract exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a Federal contract; (2) a subgrant, contract, or subcontract exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a Federal grant; (3) a contract or subcontract exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a Federal loan exceeding \$150,000; or, (4) a contract or subcontract exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a Federal cooperative agreement, shall file a certification, and a disclosure form, as required, to the next tier above.
4. All disclosure forms, but not certifications, shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the person referred to in paragraphs (1) or (2) above. That person shall forward all disclosure forms to the appropriate Bureau/Office within the Department of the Interior.
5. Any certification or disclosure form filed under paragraph (4) above shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which all receiving tiers shall rely. All liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by the tier filing that representation and shall not be shared by any tier to which the erroneous representation is forwarded. Submitting an erroneous certification or disclosure constitutes a failure to file the required certification or disclosure, respectively. If a person fails to file a required certification or disclosure, the United States may pursue all available remedies, including those authorized by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code.